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National Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding Federal Coal Ash Legislation

Dear FOIA Officer:

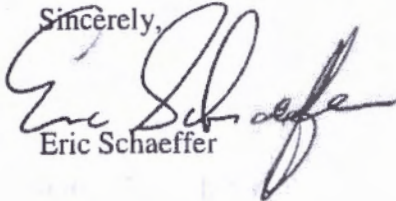
The Environmental Integrity Project (EIP), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*, and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) FOIA regulations, 40 C.F.R. § 2.100 *et seq.*, respectfully requests any records of communications between EPA and any third parties (other than communications with other federal agencies or the Executive Branch) or Congress (including Committee and personal staff) regarding potential coal ash legislation since January 1, 2016. Our requests for written records includes, but is not limited to, emails, meeting notes, draft memoranda, any documents exchanged with Members of the House or Senate or their personal or Committee staffs, and all versions of draft legislation with markup included.

EIP is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to the more effective enforcement of environmental laws and reducing exposure to toxic pollution. Accordingly, EIP also requests that EPA waive any fees and costs incurred in responding to this FOIA. Our research documenting groundwater contamination from multiple coal combustion waste impoundments and landfills was extensively cited by EPA in the preamble to its final Subtitle D disposal standards for these sites. We continue to collect such data and post it on our AshTracker website for public review.

If EPA believes that evaluating our request for a waiver of fees and costs will delay providing us with the records we are seeking, we ask that you contact us so that we may determine whether to withdraw our request for a waiver to expedite your response.

EIP asks that you respond to this request, in accordance with FOIA and EPA regulations, within twenty working days of the date the Freedom of Information Office receives and logs the request. Please feel free to contact us directly if you would like to discuss a reasonable alternative schedule for your response. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Keene Kelderman at kkelderman@environmentalintegrity.org or at (202)-263-4459. In the meantime, thank you in advance for responding to our FOIA request.

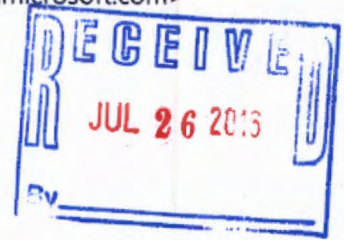
Sincerely,



Eric Schaeffer

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Subject: FOIA Request for EPA Regarding Coal Ash
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Hello,

Attached to this email is the FOIA request that I'm submitting on behalf of Environmental Integrity Project.

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